



Additional papers which are enclosed as required are the Declaration and an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with Rules 56, 97 and 98 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, and an Assignment.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9 and 1.27.

The required filing fee of \$425.00 is enclosed herewith in the form of a check. The fee was calculated as follows: Basic filing fee for small entity = \$385.00, total claims in excess of 20 =  $0 \times \$9.00 = 0$ , independent claims in excess of 3 =  $0 \times \$42.00 = 0$ , multiple dependent claims = 0, Assignment = \$40.00, total calculation for small entity fee is \$425.00.

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